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Re: Jorgensen Forge Early Action Area of the Lower Duwamish Waterway Superfund Site; Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Removal Action Implementation in CERCLA Docket No. 10-2013-0032; Earle M. Jorgensen Company Objections and Formal Disputes of December 9, 2014 and January 28, 2016

Dear Mr. Parkinson:

In a letter dated January 28, 2016, Earle M. Jorgensen Company (EMJ) provided an objection and notice of dispute to an action of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) documented in a letter to EMJ dated January 14, 2016. A prior objection and notice of dispute was also initiated by EMJ in a letter dated December 9, 2014 in response to an EPA action taken by way of a letter to EMJ dated November 25, 2014. EPA had stayed the negotiation period for the prior objection and notice of dispute, but is now lifting that stay, and these two matters are being consolidated for the purpose of achieving a resolution by written decision in accordance with the *Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Removal Action Implementation* in CERCLA Docket No. 10-2013-0032.

EPA proposes a briefing schedule which allows EPA until Friday, February 26, 2016, to provide a written response on these matters, and EMJ until Friday, March 11, 2016, to submit a written reply. Further, should EMJ raise new issues in its reply, EPA would like to have until Friday, March 25, 2016, to address those issues. Please let me know if that proposed schedule is acceptable to EMJ.

Sincerely,

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